

Allied Advance Continues

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

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For No Living Man

The wrangle over whether Hot Springs' new city-owned, federally-financed airport shall be named after Garland county Political Boss Leo McLaughlin or, as Senator John L. McClellan insists, after one of Garland county's honored war dead, is something more than a mere political argument.

Churchill Trying To Fix Russia, Polish Trouble

—Europe

London, April 28 —(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill called the Polish premier and foreign minister in conference today for the second day in succession as he sought to straighten out the diplomatic impasse caused by the failure of relations between Russia and Poland.

Prime Minister Wladyslaw Sikorski and Acting Foreign Minister Count Jozef Beck were summoned to the prime minister's official residence at No. 10 Downing street, where Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden also was expected to join in the talks.

The likelihood that the Polish government would withdraw its request to the International Red Cross for investigation of German charges that the Russians murdered thousands of Polish officers at Smolensk was reported by observers who are following the Polish-Russian dispute closely.

In any event, the Red Cross investigation would not have been conducted because Russia had been requested in requesting it. Under Red Cross rules all interested parties must join in a request.

It is believed Churchill and others sought to persuade Sikorski to withdraw the request as the first step towards restoring relations.

Both Polish and Russian sources today appeared to incline to the view that relations between the two countries had been "suspended" rather than definitely broken.

Soviet-Polish Split Delights the Germans

By the Associated Press Bern, Switzerland, April 28 — Dispatches from Axis capitals to this neutral country made it clear today that Germany was overjoyed at the diplomatic breach between Russia and the Polish government — in exile, and that Rome had joined the chorus of congratulation over an incident regarded as a triumph for Nazi propaganda.

At Rome the Giornale D'Italia called the Russian-Polish split "proof of conflict between the Allies even before the end of the war." The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper Die Tat said a German foreign office commentator declared the incident indicated "England and America are doomed to complete impotency as regards Russia," and asked:

"What can other countries expect if today in a question of exceptional prestige the Allies can't persuade Russia to spare the United Nations such a disgrace in the interests of a common alliance?"

The Tribune De Geneve called the break, which was touched off by German charges that the Russians had slain 10,000 Polish officers near Smolensk, one of Germany's "nearest diplomatic successes."

London dispatches indicated British diplomatic quarters already had instituted negotiations to patch up the Polish-Russian difficulties, and said there were strong indications the United States was participating in the effort to restore relations between the two countries.

The British press association threw some doubt on the exact degree of the rupture by reporting "restless circles" had questioned whether Russia had "broken" relations or merely "suspended" them, leaving the way open for further negotiations.

The press association declared

Soldiers Cited for Outstanding Service

London, —(AP)—For "outstanding and meritorious services as instructors" at an officers' candidate school somewhere in England three noncommissioned officers of the United States Army will have an opportunity to qualify for commissions through attending classes in the same school.

The instructors are Sergeant Norris M. Nevils, 30, of 80 Lee street, Charleston, S. C.; Corporals Michael Kolesar, 26, of 1122 Washington street, Farrell, Pa., and Floyd A. Nelson, 34, of South Sibley street, Litchfield, Minn.

State Poultry Prices Limited by OPA Order

Little Rock, April 28 —(AP)—On the farm poultry prices in Arkansas were limited today to maximums ranging from 26.3 cents per pound in southeast Arkansas for live broilers, fryers and roasters to 26.75 cents for the same type birds in the heavy northeast Arkansas producing area.

The OPA divided the state into four zones in fixing the ceiling price schedule for poultry producers. Ceiling prices to consumers will be announced within a few days, the agency said.

The announcement said higher prices than fixed by the schedule could be paid "under no conditions" in any zone. Regulations now require poultry farmers to keep records of all sales, the number of birds involved in each transaction, types, weights, grades and names and addresses of buyer and seller.

In Area I, which includes Sebastian, Washington and 12 other northwest Arkansas counties, the ceiling prices are 26.75 per pound for live broilers, fryers and roasters; 23.2 cents for hens, and 19.2 cents for stags and roosters.

In Area II, embracing 28 north central and northeast counties, the ceilings are 26.75 cents; 23.25 and 19.25.

In Area III, including Garland, Jefferson, Columbia, Miller, Ouachita, Hempstead, Union and 16 other counties, the maximums are 26.6; 23.1, and 19.1.

In Area IV, embracing four southeast counties, the ceilings are 26.3; 22.8 and 18.9.

Airmen Down Jap Ship in Series Raids

By WILLIAM F. BONI Allied Headquarters in Australia, April 28 —(AP)—A 4,000-ton Japanese merchant ship was blasted by a 500-pound bomb and a wireless station was destroyed Tuesday as General Douglas MacArthur's heavy and medium bombers took advantage of improved weather to range far over enemy bases.

A liberator on armed reconnaissance attacked two 4,000-ton vessels in the Arakura sea 50 miles northwest of Dobo, on the Arore islands. The American - manned bomber scored a hit on the bow of one ship and two — perhaps damaging — near misses on the other.

A Flying Fortress, following up a raid Monday in which the tower of the Japanese wireless station at Gasmata, New Britain, was toppled, wrecked the entire station.

Along New Guinea's north coast, bombers hit at Japanese holdings from Wewak south and east as far as Mubo where A-24s made strafing passes over enemy positions in the region of Green's Hill.

At Pischhafen, on the Huon peninsula, a Catalina dropped bombs on a suspected dump area and the crew reported heavy explosions.

Australian Beaufighters made 15 strafing runs during which cannon and machinegun fire were poured into the jungle fringing Labu Lago, which is five miles southwest of Lae. The enemy has been attempting to conceal supply barges there. It is known from past experience that such strafing attacks invariably take a heavy toll in Japanese troops.

A single Fortress fired at a coastal ship a few miles northwest of Wewak. Then the big bomber moved down the coast, strafing Marinerberg, Alexishafen and Finschhafen.

Over Timor, Japanese fighter planes sought ineffectually to break up a formation of Dutch - manned B-25s which hit the enemy base of Cape Seivara on the island's easternmost tip.

Lewis Promises Miners to Walk Out on Friday

—Washington

Washington, April 28 —(AP)—The nation's soft coal story which feeds the fires of war steel production, power generation and transportation moved swiftly toward a wage dispute climax today with the threat of a full scale strike and talk of subsequent mine operation behind bayonet lines.

Thousands of miners already had laid down their tools as a three man War Labor Board panel took up the case in closed hearings, but as yet the widespread walkouts were not officially regarded as strikes.

But John L. Lewis promised that his United Mine Workers would stage an all-out strike at midnight Friday unless their demands were met and the full WLB debated whether that constituted outright defiance calling for action — or whether it should be ignored, pending an actual shutdown.

The panel had received instructions from the board to begin hearings and proceed until further orders before the UMW president announced in New York that the miners would not work without a contract after Friday midnight when a 30 day temporary continuance expires.

Lewis raised the strike threat after the UMW policy committee demanded withdrawal of the dispute from the WLB, charging the board with "malicious prejudice." He said as matters now stand there will be no contract April 30 and "the mine workers will not trespass on mine property in the absence of a contract."

As his threat was suddenly seconded by spokesmen of Illinois' 15,000 Progressive Mine Workers, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and the sporadic walkouts continued to spread, speculation arose as to what the government will do if the strike develops.

Fort Smith, April 28 —(AP)—There was no indication today that eastern coal mine work stoppages will be duplicated in the Arkansas-Oklahoma mining territory.

R. K. Rodgers, spokesman for the Arkansas - Oklahoma Coal Operators' association, said an employment agreement effected April 3 between management representatives and the United Mine Workers in this district apparently assured continued operation of the mines.

The agreement was for an indefinite period, and not for 30 days as fixed for eastern mines, and provides any pay increases made later on will be retroactive to April 1, Rodgers said.

Russian Army Gets Set for Decisive Fight

By EDDY GILMORE Moscow, April 28 —(AP)—Izvestia, the official newspaper of the Soviet Union, called on the Red Army today to prepare for decisive battles "which are in the offing."

The plea came as the Red Army carried on intensive attacks in force against German communications and maintained its sky superiority over the Kuban region of the Caucasus.

All along the lengthy front, Red Air Force fighters and bombers pressed their attacks against the German lines and to the rear, indicating they were providing a heavy mauling to German forces being brought up as the reserves for future operations.

The current land fight still was mostly artillery duelling. Heavy shelling was going on from the Kuban delta, in the Novorossisk region, to the Volkov front southeast of Leningrad.

(The German radio said German Stuka formations caused heavy casualties among Russian columns preparing yesterday to attack the Axis Kuban bridgehead, and that Soviet supply bases on the sea of Azov coast also were heavily bombed.)

(The German broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, declared that 44 Russian planes were brought down in the southern sector, but did not say what period the report covered.)

The element fluorine, in proper quantities, has been found essential to healthy teeth.

The Metropolitan Opera House in New York City was opened on April 7, 1930.

Fayetteville Man Named to Board

Little Rock, April 28 —(AP)—Governor Adkins said today he named Edward Thomas, Fayetteville business man, to the University of Arkansas board of Trustees in response to a demand from northwestern Arkansas that a Fayetteville or Washington county man be named on the board.

Members of the Washington county when the general assembly rearranged terms of the trustees.

Thomas was named to succeed Marvin Hathcoat, Harrison attorney, who was appointed by Adkins yesterday to the Trustees Commission. Hathcoat succeeded Floyd Sharp who resigned to become area war manpower director.

Hempstead's Public Camp Is Dedicated

The former Alton CCC camp six miles south of Hope on State Highway 29 was dedicated last night by Congressman Owen Harris as Camp Hempstead, at a public program sponsored by the American Legion.

Recently the federal government, liquidating its CCC camps across the nation, relinquished the local camp to the joint sponsorship of the Leslie Huddleston Post of the American Legion and the Hempstead county government.

Last night's meeting had two native sons as honored guests, Archie Stevens, assistant director in the CCC Washington offices, who carried off his old home town when the camp became available for transfer; and Congressman Harris, who opposed other sections to assure the camp's continued location in Hempstead county.

Both Mr. Stevens and Congressman Harris were introduced by John Vesey on last night's program. It was a letter from Mr. Stevens to Mr. Vesey during the winter which set in motion the events that led the local community to finally acquire ownership of the camp's \$33,000 worth of buildings and equipment.

The Legion was host at a fish fry at 6:30 p. m. for the various civic organizations, followed by the public speaking program at 8 p. m. County Judge Fred A. Luck and Mayor Albert Graves, and the other county and city officials were introduced.

Terrell Cornelius, adjutant of the local Legion post, was master of ceremonies, and Mayor Graves delivered the address of welcome.

Ted Jones led community singing. The Rev. Thomas Brewster pronounced the invocation; and the Rev. Robert Moore the benediction. The Legion color guards advanced, and retired, the colors during the program, which ended with the blowing of taps by the Boy Scouts.

Bari Airport Destroyed by Allied Planes

Cairo, Egypt, April 28 —(AP)—Bari airport, 50 miles north of the Italian naval base of Taranto, "practically disappeared" under a hail of 150 tons of bombs from 70 United States Liberators Monday.

The Ninth Air Force bomber command said today, and an RAF communiqué announced the raid was followed that night by a heavy British assault.

The communiqué said large fires were started east of the airbase by the British attack on Bari, which is on the Adriatic coast.

Pictures taken of the Bari airbase yesterday showed a large number of planes — estimated at 50 — received direct hits or near misses which either destroyed or severely damaged them. Hangars and repair assembly plants suffered many direct hits.

Leading the American raiders were Col. U. G. Ent, commanding officer of the Ninth Air Force bomber command, Col. K. K. Compton of St. Joseph, Mo., and Col. John R. (Killer) Kane of Shreveport, La.

Other pictures were taken during the raid by Maj. Francis B. Rang of Los Angeles, Calif., who said the attack was the "biggest thrill I have gotten from more than 200 hours of flying." He said he saw the roof blasted off one hangar and then "it seemed to crumple like a peanut shell."

One pilot, Lieut. Ed Jewett of Bonner Springs, Kas., said "I saw two enemy pursuit fighters trying to get off the ground. Then we dropped our bombs. That was the last anyone ever saw of those planes."

British fighters also attacked a small enemy vessel near Rhodes and forced the crew to abandon ship, the RAF communiqué said.

Body of Fulton Man Recovered From Red River

The body of Roy Hollingsworth, who along with a companion, Logan Williams, had been missing since Tuesday, April 20, was recovered from Red River shortly before noon today.

A searching party found the body floating down river about 2½ miles south of the Fulton bridge. Searchers were hopeful of finding Williams' body soon.

When last seen, the men, employees of the Arkansas Highway Department, were engaged in dislodging driftwood from around the piers of the Fulton river bridge.

Both had resided in Fulton for many years. Hollingsworth is survived by his widow, 2 sisters, Mrs. J. R. Williams of Little Rock, Mrs. Edwin Sanders of Bearden, and 2 brothers, Tiller and Ted Hollingsworth of Sheridan.

Davis Sees Big Increase in Farm Products

New York, April 28 —(AP)—War Food Administrator Chester C. Davis, declaring farmers are doing spring planting in the American spirit of "damned the torpedoes; go ahead," expressed hope today this year's food output would top last year's record.

In a speech prepared for the general session of the 31st annual meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce, Davis said farmers are "taking patriotic chance for America" by planting every possible acre although faced with shortage of labor and machinery.

Davis was unable to be present due to the press of duties in Washington, but his talk was read by Deputy Administrator William Byrd.

Sharing the program were Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the United States Maritime commission; William L. Batt, vice chairman of the War Production Board, and Joseph B. Eastman, director of the office of defense transportation.

Land reported nearly 10,000,000 deadweight tons of dry cargo vessels and tankers will be constructed in American yards this year as compared with more than 8,000,000 tons last year.

Food Meeting to Plan Post War Scheme

By WADE WERNER Washington, April 28 —(AP)—How the post-war planners of the United Nations food conference next month will approach the task of drawing up a blueprint for a new world free from want was apparently in rough outline today.

In announcing the conference agenda yesterday, a State Department spokesman made clear the blueprint will be only a blueprint designed for further study by the governments concerned; that is, the delegates convening at Hot Springs, Va., in May 18 will not have the power to bind their governments.

"No commitments will be made," he said; "no agreements will be signed. The discussions will be purely preliminary and exploratory."

If all the topics listed were comprehensively discussed and the delegates could agree on recommendations for solution of the problems involved, their labors could produce a plan for the abolition of poverty throughout the world.

For the conference proposes to discuss such basic questions as why millions of people are undernourished and how the vast potential food production made possible by technological advances can be placed before those who are hungry.

It approaches these problems from the viewpoint that huge so-called surpluses which, in the past, often caused economic disruption and wide unemployment, were in fact not surpluses at all but simply evidence that the prevailing economic system was failing to put the world's available food into the world's empty stomachs.

The topics listed in the agenda fall under three main heads: 1. Consumption levels and requirements. 2. Expansion of production and adaptation to consumption needs. 3. Facilitation and improvement of distribution.

Freight Line Allowed to Purchase Another

Little Rock, April 28 —(AP)—The Corporation Commission today authorized the Arkansas Motor Freight Lines, Inc., Fort Smith to buy Arkansas truck operating rights from the P. C. Motor Freight Lines, Fort Smith. There were no protests.

The P. C. line hauls general commodities over state Highway 41 between DeQueen and Foreman and over U. S. 71 between Fort Smith and Texarkana.

An Interstate Commerce Commission joint board took under advisement Arkansas a Motor Freight's application to take over Interstate operating rights from P. C. The latter firm also operates in Oklahoma and Missouri.

Truman Group Probes Rubber, Tire Reports

Washington, April 28 —(AP)—Warning the rubber situation may remain critical until next year, members of the Truman committee today projected a continuing inquiry into reports the administration of fire and gasoline restrictions is being relaxed.

"Most people seem to have the idea that the rubber problem is all solved," said Senator Brewster (R-Me.), "but I don't think we're out of the woods yet by a long shot."

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) expressed belief the rubber situation might remain tight until early 1944, and Senator Ball (R-Minn.) said Rubber Director William M. Jeffers would be asked to justify recently liberalized tire and recycling provisions when he testifies next Monday on the synthetic rubber vs. aviation gasoline programs.

Ferguson said the decision to allow civilian drivers recaps had resulted in a general belief that "we are over the hump" on rubber. That impression was furthered, he added, by reports that "the OPA is going to issue a whole flood of new C cards for gasoline rationing."

Petroleum Administrator Ickes was called before the Senate group today to present his version of the rubber - gasoline row.

Donald M. Nelson, War Production Board chairman, told the committee yesterday it was only to prevent "a bankruptcy on rubber" next fall that the order on rubber rationing was suspended. Last January the scheduling of materials for completion of 55 per cent of the Buna S synthetic rubber program by midsummer, Ickes, he said, protested at the time that the move would imperil the 100-octane gasoline program and Undersecretary of War Patterson complained it would cost the production of 18,000 planes.

Nelson said he decided on the move, however, after satisfying himself the war effort as a whole would be benefited. Because the building of high-octane gasoline refineries takes 12 to 15 months, he pointed out that if the entire rubber program were halted now there would be no immediate gain of airplane fuel as a result.

Tornadoes Kill 2, Destroy Ohio Property

Cleveland, April 28 —(AP)—Destruction was reckoned in excess of \$1,000,000 today after death-dealing tornadoes slashed through northeastern Ohio, killing two children, injuring more than 150 other persons, and damaging nearly 2,000 homes and several war plants.

Many homes and barns caved in, roofs were carried away and power lines were thrown out of operation in the Cleveland, Akron and Fremont areas.

Two Akron orphans — Richard Paternoster, 12, and Anthony Fernbach, 9 — were crushed to death as raging winds demolished a barn near Medina.

C. G. Andrus, government meteorologist at Cleveland, said four separate tornadoes swept over the city. Their paths were short and narrow, and their power was concentrated on the east and west sides, he added.

Nursing supervisors and disaster workers are being sent to both Cleveland and Akron, William Carl Hunt, manager of the American Red Cross' eastern area, announced in Washington.

Synthetic spices, including cinnamon, mace, nutmeg and ginger, have been developed to replace imported natural spices.

A recent survey indicates that an average freight train of 59 cars is started on its way in the United States every 3.7 seconds.

Going Tough but Americans Take Three Key Hills

—Africa

By WILLIAM B. KING Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 28 —(AP)—American troops stormed three fiercely defended hills straddling the road to Mateur and Bizerte and the British First Army battled for a commanding height at Medjerda, 21 miles northwest of Tunis. It was announced at Allied headquarters today, as Allied forces hammered against the tenaciously defended but weakening Axis bridgehead in Tunisia.

The British First and Eighth armies, the Second U. S. Army Corps, and the French made "steady progress," an Allied communiqué said, but it was by dint of hardest fighting, especially in the Medjerda-El-Bab sector where Allied attacks were followed by enemy counter-attacks all day yesterday.

The Americans under Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., cleaned out Gen. Jurgen Von Arnim's northern Germans and Italians out of Djebel Dardayss and occupied important high ground.

Another contingent, pushing toward Jemla station, 28 miles southwest of Bizerte, swept the enemy off Djebel El Azzog north of Jemla and also took Djebel El Ajred, just to the southwest of the station. These two knobs command much of the approach to Mateur, the important Axis cross roads 16 miles to the west.

The British first army under Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson attacked Djebel Bou Aukaz, 12 miles northeast of Medjerda-El-Bab and against savage fighting by the German defenders reached to within 400 yards of the crest. Thirty or forty prisoners were captured at this point which commands a great section of the Medjerda valley and is only 21 miles in direct line from Tunis.

Twelve miles east of Medjerda-El-Bab the first army was engaging in a second thrust directly toward Tunis along the Massicault road south of Tebourba and a famous British regiment attacked a "feature of the terrain crown as Si Abballah and captured it in a bloody action.

But typical of the Germans' tenacious effort to hold every foot of their mountain rim, they counter-attacked immediately with tanks and infantry and drove the British from the crest.

In the area east of Goubellat, where armored clashes have been occurring almost daily since the start of the Allied offensive and where 80 enemy tanks have been reported destroyed, the enemy continued to defend every foot of territory. The British, however, had smashed to within four miles of the Pont Du Fahs supply road leading from Tunis.

Pont Du Fahs was threatened with encirclement by these British armored columns from the northwest and by French forces which had advanced 15 miles in three days from the southwest and were now pounding hard at the outskirts.

By "magnificent fighting" the French Mathnet division had completed occupation of the hills in the northern part of the Grand Dorsal and pushed on out into the Pont Du Fahs plain which leads to Tunis, 34 miles distant, a military spokesman said.

However, this force was meeting machine - gun and artillery fire. The advance of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army on the southern flank was most marked in the area of Djebel Medeker on his left.

But the Germans were using a liberal sprinkling of mines and machine - gunners who were said to be instructed to fight until killed in a murderous defense in advantageous terrain.

On the extreme north, other French forces also continued to make steady though unspectacular progress along the Mediterranean, against defenders who had excellent cover for their machine-guns.

As a result of the combined American, British and French efforts the defenders were being forced slowly to yield ground all along the line, but there was no indication they would suddenly give up the policy of fighting to their last ounce of military strength.

A Loose Liver

St. Louis (AP) — At the St. Louis station's lost and found department, they have a suitcase filled with liver sausage — or they did until it began to turn sour — and a fellow's pants. Those are just a couple of items that have turned up recently, Boss Checker L. J. Meyer says. "It must be the war; people leave their belongings right and left."

Tunisia Victory Means More Than Loss of Axis Troops

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By DeWITT MACKENZIE

Someone remarked to me that the 66,000 Germans and Italians, announced by Commander in Chief Eisenhower's headquarters as killed, wounded or captured in North Africa between January 1 and April 15, don't make a very big total as compared with the eight million or so troops which Hitler still has under arms.

It might seem that way at first glance, but I'm afraid we can't estimate the position accurately by such a comparison. We mustn't forget that the strategic importance of this theater is so great that we should have seen a million men battling on each side, had circumstances permitted the employment of such huge armies there.

I take the liberty of repeating the view that he who controls the Mediterranean wins the war. That's the stake for which the comparatively small armies are battling in Tunisia.

Actually the 66,000 loss of the Axis represents something like twenty-five per cent of the enemy effectives. We can't be exact about that, because some reinforcements have reached Rommel from Italy. However, if Hitler had lost a comparable total out of a million-man army in Russia it would run to about a quarter of a million—perhaps more because of the massing of larger forces. When you get down to cases, 66,000 first-line troops are a very big loss for any army no matter how large.

There's a limit to the number of men that can be used in a territory like North Africa. In the desert

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK
National Stockyards, Ill., April 28.—(AP)—Cattle: Apr. 28, 1943. Market 5 to 10 lower than average Tuesday; good and choice 180-310 lbs. 14.65-70; top 14.70; 160-170 lbs. 14.10-40; 140 - 160 lbs. 13.60-14.15; 100 - 130 lbs. 12.60-13.40; stocker and feeder steers 11.00-12.50; 1225-65; stags 14.50 down.

Cattle: 3000; calves, 900; steer supply fairly liberal; trading slow; few early veals about steady at 16.00 down; heifers, mixed yearlings and cows slow; bulls steady; top sausage bulls 13.75; vealers unchanged; good and choice 15.50; medium and good 13.00-14.25; nominal range slaughter steers 12.00-17.25; slaughter heifers 11.00-16.35; stocker and feeder steers 11.00-15.50.

Sheep: 1000; market steady; one double good and choice 100 lb clipped lambs No. 1 skinned 15.00; few trucked in lots unsold.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE
Chicago, April 28.—(AP)—Poultry live: 3 trucks; firm; market unchanged.

NEW YORK STOCKS
New York, April 28.—(AP)—Prominent shares lost ground in the stock market today, but a few managed to trim or wipe out losses suffered early in the session.

The downturn, after two indecisive sessions, resulted in most cases in only fractional slips. Moderately active at the start, dealings slowed toward midday and volume for the full five hours was about 800,000 shares.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, April 28.—(AP)—Cotton moved in a narrow range today as the trade awaited clarification of details on the C. C. C. stabilization program.

Late afternoon values were 15 cents a bale higher to 5 cents lower, May 20.17, July 20.00 and Oct. 19.91.

Futures closed 15 cents a bale higher to 15 cents lower.

May—opened, 20.20; closed, 20.17
July—opened, 20.03; closed, 20.00
Oct.—opened, 19.93; closed, 19.89
Dec.—opened, 19.88; closed, 19.85
Mch.—opened, 19.88; closed, 19.83

areas the water supply in itself forms a terrific problem. In fact supply and transport in all categories present unusual difficulties.

One of the most important lessons of the African show is that the Allies are winning through a process of annihilation of the Axis forces and destruction of their equipment. By annihilation I mean putting the enemy completely out of action.

There could be no end to the show so long as General Montgomery and his British Eighth Army were playing fox and hounds with Rommel about the desert. That's what the general strained every nerve to crowd the elusive Nazi into a corner and make him fight. Men who run away live to fight another day. The only beaten ones are the dead, badly wounded and captured.

We have "annihilated" a quarter of the Axis forces in Tunisia. We shall have achieved victory when we have every last German and Italian actually in our hands, or under the Tunisian sands. That is the only way battles can be won.

When we've finished with Africa we shall have to start applying that same cold-blooded, hard-as-nails truism to Herr Hitler on the continent. The most powerful weapon he has left is his army. That army must be cornered and annihilated, and no man will be in position to guess the end of the war until Allied armies actually invade Western Europe in force and corner the fuhrer, just as he has been cornered in Tunisia.

Authoritative British circles recently estimated the German army at between 7,500,000 and 8,000,000. Presumably that would include not only fighting men but all the services. It isn't as good as the fighting machine with which he started the war, because he is estimated to have lost at least 5,000,000 and they represented many of his best troops. Still, the present army has great striking power, and some half million young Germans are coming of fighting age yearly.

While that army remains mobile, and isn't compelled to stand and fight unless it wants to, Hitler may be able to continue the war indefinitely. You will begin to get a line on his length of life the day that Anglo-American troops get ashore across the English channel and establish their bridgehead for the armies to follow.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS
Chicago, April 28.—(AP)—Reports of large overnight flour purchases by a leading southwest chain baker and inquiries for flour by the food distribution administration spurred an uptick in wheat prices today. The FDA was asking for 100,000 sacks of flour, equivalent to 50,000 barrels.

Rye advanced with the bread cereal, local traders doing considerable buying. Good absorption of May rye contracts had a firming influence on other deliveries. Oats lagged somewhat, the May contract running into pressure which at one time pushed it down 1-2 cent. Good support appeared at that level.

At the close wheat was 5-8 1-8 higher than yesterday's finish, May \$1.44, July \$1.44, corn was unchanged at 50c, oats were 1-2 lower to 1-4 higher and rye was 5-8-1 cent higher.

Cash wheat: Sample grade mixed 1.41 3-4.

Corn: No. 1 yellow 1.07, No. 2, 1.07; No. 3 1.05 1-21-06 1-2; No. 4, 1.05; sample grade yellow 1.03; No. 2 white 1.23 1-2.

Oats: No. 1 mixed 68 1-4; No. 2, 68 3-4; No. 1 white 68 3-4; No. 2, 69 3-4; No. 3, 68 3-4; No. 4, 67 3-4.

Barley, malting 97-1.07 nom.; feed 85-88 nom.

Hitler Calls in Croat Leader for Conference

By The Associated Press
The German News Agency Transocean declared today in a broadcast datelined from Adolf Hitler's headquarters that Hitler conferred yesterday with Dr. Anton Pavelic, leader of the Croat state in occupied Yugoslavia.

The conference was attended also by Joachim Von Ribbentrop, German foreign minister; Dr. Milan Budak, Croat foreign minister; German Field Marshal Keitel; and a General Beig.

The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, said "the fuhrer had discussions with the Poglavnik (leader) concerning the political and military situation in the common struggle of the Axis against Bolshevism and the British-American plutocracies."

The broadcast asserted that in turn, Pavelic "stressed the determination of the Croat people... to employ all their forces for an uncompromising victory of the three-power - power - pact-nations over their common enemies."

Pavelic's visit to Hitler was another in the procession of Axis satellite functionaries in recent weeks as the German leader sought to rally them to greater effort in the war. These have included representatives of Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania and Norway. Hitler and Premier Mussolini of Italy also have conferred.

The broadcast said that Gen. Glaise von Horstenau, the German plenipotentiary in Croatia, also attended.

Outposts Are Cold, Lonely Lookouts Say

By EUGENE BURNS
An Artillery Battery Headquarters, Andreanof Islands, April 17.—(Delayed)—(AP)—We are in artillery Captain Roy Osadchey's quaint hut. An eight-foot snowbank is smash up against it. We are calling an isolated OP (Observation Post) by field phone.

There are tens of thousands of American lads watching for Japanese in such seeing eye posts in Alaska.

"Yes sir, this is Hess (Sergeant Herbert E. Hess, 27, of Hiawatha, Kansas) speaking. Everything's fine. Telephone's working. Tents up. Boys are well. It's my watch, sir. Our OP is a six-by-six hut. Three of us have been up here since December."

"Lonesome?" not exactly, except for night watches. Yes sir, it sure does get cold." He laughed at the question.

"What does it look like up here? Bare, except the tundra sticking out of the snow in spots. Plenty of scenery, providing the wind doesn't ram it down your throat."

"Wong's got the next watch. I'll call him."

While Wong was answering Hess whistled call, Captain Osadchey (of Kansas City, Mo.) said "Wong's about five feet - one and around 105 pounds. The smallest but the best-looking man in my battery. It's too bad when we have alerts. Boys from strange outfits mistake him for a Jap. I've tried to keep him at headquarters, but he wants to be out in front."

Yuen Chin Wong, 26, San Francisco, still was puffing heavily from his run to the phone.

"Yes sir (puff puff). I was born in Canton (puff-puff). I have been in Alaska (puff-puff) eight months. "I have more to kill the Japs for (puff-puff) than most men." Wong's father runs a restaurant in Pueblo, Colo.

Life in Sweden Normal Despite Recent Crisis

By JOHN COLBURN

Stockholm, April 28.—(AP)—Sweden continues the even tenor of her way despite discernible tension in official circles over relations with Germany.

Shackled economically but untouched by the devastation of a war which has made itself felt around the world, the people live an almost carefree life in spite of food rationing and critical coal, oil and rubber shortages.

The modern Swedish housewife, smartly attired, bicycles her way to a bridge party. The peasant farmer feeds his stock on ersatz cellulose. They typify Sweden's isolation among the warring nations, but also reflect the tenor of Swedish ways and her tendency to cling to life as usual despite handicaps.

As a matter of fact, the institution of shoe rationing this month probably created a greater furor than any other reverberation of the war. The Swedes are great walkers, especially since automobile transportation has been curtailed, and a little thing like shoes agitate the slow-moving descendants of the Vikings more than an international incident.

While attention is given the attack by a German merchant ship on the submarine draken and its possible link with the sinking of the submarine Ulven with 33 men aboard, there is no great outward excitement.

Despite the war at her doorstep and the troubles of her neighbors, poetry and art continue to compete for attention with timber, match and paper industries.

From the northern timberlands to the Kattegat the country is mobilized for war. But the army of 600,000, described as one of the finest forces for its size in the world, will not fight except to defend the democracy which the Swedes date back to the 14th century.

There is every desire not to break the record of 123 peaceful years which began after her war with Denmark.

The monarchy of 85-year-old King Gustav actually is a democracy with only an air of aristocracy, which permeates even into the homes of the proletariat. The Swedes still glory in formal functions and are enthralled by traditional ceremonies, precise dress and the flash of medals. From peasant homes to the mansions of the industrialists, the nearness of war has failed to halt the observance of ancient customs.

The people tightened their belts when food became scarce, but still are better than Europeans. The national health is reported better than ever, due to more walking and cycling, and less rich food.

During the past year foreign observers claim to have discerned a pro-Ally swing among the people, but their still remains considerable sympathy for pre-Nazi Germany.

The larger maritime cities are hardest hit by the war, what with a million tons of shipping tied up by the blockade and families waiting for crewmen aboard more than 100 vessels which have been unable to come home.

A disruption of industry coincident with the outbreak of the war caused an increase in unemployment, but that has been offset recently by war orders and mobilization of the war.

W. D. Ridgill Hope Native, Dies Tuesday

Will D. Ridgill, 69, a lifelong resident of Hope, died at his home here last night. He had been caretaker of the Rose Hill Cemetery for many years.

Funeral services were to be held at 4 p. m. today at the Herndon-Cornelius funeral home, with burial in Rose Hill.

He is survived by his wife, 4 sons, Ernest of Hope, Sims, Minor and Thomas Ridgill of Little Rock, a daughter, Mrs. Carl Erwin of Little Rock, a sister, Mrs. R. V. Stephenson and a brother, John W. Ridgill of Hope.

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press

Clean Break
Indianapolis — An ignorance of first aid would have saved some Indianapolis policemen a little trouble.

Arriving at the scene of an accident, they hastily improvised a splint for the victim's leg. The injured man was rushed to a hospital, where attendants placed him in bed and went looking for a permanent splint. But before the internes returned the patient had got up and walked away.

Bond Hungry
Ithaca, N. Y. — The way to a man's pocketbook is through his stomach, the wives of Cornell University professors discovered at a war bond party.

The wives prepared tasty box lunches for auctioning to highest bidders in war stamps and bonds. No other food was on hand for the professors except one pitcher of

War Materials Are Pouring Into Russia

Editor's note: Clyde Farnsworth and George Tucker, Associated Press war correspondents, have transmitted the following first-hand description of the movement of war supplies to Russia by way of Iran.

By CLYDE FARNSWORTH and GEORGE TUCKER

Somewhere in Iran — (AP)—American war material is reaching Russia via the Persian corridor faster than the Russians can take it. Their warehouses and freight yards are glutted.

Accompanied by Russian officers we inspected Soviet supply dumps deep within the Russian zone of Northern Iran and found yards piled high with American war equipment still not moved to the fighting fronts because the rate of arrival has caught up with and surpassed Russian facilities.

We followed the corridor from the Persian gulf to within a few miles of the Caspian sea, visiting docks, rail centers and great assembly plants, and saw the fruits of the extensive effort that has transformed the Persian plains and plateaus into a super conveyor belt over which move planes, tanks, armored cars, raw materials, explosives, trucks, jeeps and guns for Russian soldiers.

We saw Russian officers in shock blouses and black boots, guns strapped to their hips, rub their hands and kick their heels together as Mitchell and Boston bombers, fresh from American factories, dropped out of the sky. We saw lines of tractors pulling seven-ton trailers in twisting convoys miles long carrying supplies through the ragged defiles of the Pashukuh mountains to the Red Army.

One of the trucks in a convoy was driven by Brice Poindexter of Washington, Ark., who has two brothers in the army.

We saw American locomotives pulling American rolling stock manned by experts from the Erie, New York Central, Pennsylvania, and other American lines. We saw great cranes lifting locomotives out of barges on to dockside trucks to help in movement of this mass of materials northward over hundreds of miles of difficult terrain.

We saw Americans, sweating on this delivery job without equal, struggle against the handicaps of adverse geography and climate. They are working in the exhausting heat, stifling dust, knee-deep mud, snowdrifts, blizzards and driving rain in their place a hot season. At the same time they must combat the hazards of strange diseases in a strange land.

The full responsibility for these undertakings is on the shoulders of Major General Donald H. Connolly, lanky West Pointer whose father before him was an army officer and who spent years in the Philippines, Panama, France and odd corners of the world preparing himself for just such an assignment as this, the supreme assignment of his career.

Soviet Polish

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The Polish ambassador to Russia had not been handed his passport, and said there was a report in diplomatic circles that he had even been asked to remain in Russia.)

The Berlin dispatch to Die Tat, declaring Berlin "shows obvious satisfaction" over the open break in the Allied nations' front, said the German foreign office expresses the view that Premier Stalin had dismissed the Polish ambassador "to get rid of a persistent questioner about the whereabouts of Polish war prisoners."

The same German source said, according to the Swedish dispatch: "The Kremlin dictator wanted to emphasize to England and America that he wouldn't have any limitations set on him by anyone regarding territorial questions of the western boundaries of Russia."

The German diplomatic source, the dispatch added, said Russian charges that the Polish request for an investigation of alleged slaying of war prisoners "indicated Poland is negotiating secretly with Hitlerite Germany is a complete swindle."

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Clarke Funeral to Be Held Here Thursday

Funeral services for John S. Clarke, native of Hope who died at his home in El Paso, Texas Monday, will be held Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home of an Aunt Mrs. Ross R. Gillespie. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers: Joe Mangion of Little Rock, Webb Laseter, Comer Boyett, Seva Gibson, Robert La Grone and Eddie Spraggins.

'Mending Lady' an English Star

London — (AP)—The mother of an American - born favorite of London's stage is known as the "Mending Lady" at the American Red Cross Washington club.

She is Mrs. Lillie M. Browne, who formerly resided in Philadelphia, but has lived in England since 1927. Her daughter, Louise, played in the musical comedy "Girl Friend." One day a week Mrs. Browne mends United States soldiers' clothing.

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Social and Personal

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Social Calendar

Wednesday, April 28th
The Friday Music club will meet at the home of Mrs. Garrett Story for rehearsal, 2 o'clock. All former members are invited to attend. Copies of "Listen to the Lambs" will be required.

The meeting of the Althean class of the First Baptist church has been postponed until a later date.

Report of Red Cross Activities for Past Year Is Made Today

April 21 marked the end of a year of activity in the Red Cross production rooms, which were formally opened April 21, 1942 with the following general chairman: Production, Mrs. C. D. Lester; records, Mrs. T. S. McDavitt; sewing, Mrs. O. A. Graves, Mrs. John O. Cox; knitting, Mrs. Bernard O'Dwyer, Mrs. Arch Moore; surgical dressing, Mrs. O. L. Reed, Mrs. W. Y. Foster; planning and supplies, Mrs. J. L. Rogers; packing and shipping, Mrs. Ched Hall; purchasing, Mrs. C. M. Agee; local work, Mrs. Tom McLarty; county work, Mrs. Ched Hall; daily supervisors, Mrs. S. D. Cook, Mrs. Ted Jones, Mrs. Harry J. Lemley, Mrs. H. O. Kyles; Columbus supervisor, Mrs. Charles Wilson; Fulton supervisor, Mrs. Charles Rowland; Blevins supervisor, Mrs. Carl Brown; Ozan supervisor, Mrs. H. O. Stuart; Shower Springs supervisor, Mrs. Earle McWilliams; McCaskill supervisor, Mrs. Ched McCaskill; Southwestern Proving Ground, Mrs. Keith Adamson.

The surgical dressing rooms were opened September 1, 1942 with Mrs. O. L. Reed, chairman, and Mrs. W. Y. Foster, co-chairman. Supervisors included: Mrs. Terrell Cornelius, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mrs. Carter Johnson, Mrs. N. T. Jewell, Mrs. Mack Stuart, Mrs. W. W. Compton, and Mrs. Arch Moore.

Of unusual interest to the Hempstead county ladies who have contributed hours to the making of garments at the production rooms is the list of articles which have been received at the area headquarters:

1150 Central Industrial Drive, St. Louis:
(Knitted garments), Men's sweaters, 271; helmets, 116; gloves, 42; mufflers, 70; wristlets, 25; women's sweaters, 39; shawls, 30; children's sweaters, 72; (Sewing) girls' dresses, 57; boys' shirts, 32; women's gowns, 421; women's shirts, 123; children's rompers, 304; girls' slips, 507; men's pajamas, 339; operating gowns, 95; comfort kits, 448; housewives, 741; ditty bags, 501; bedside bags, 1528; water bottle covers, 60; quilts, 10; afghans, 4; pillows, 24; stretchers, 10; curtains, 14 pairs.

In the Surgical dressing department, the completion of 135,000 bandages has been announced.

Mrs. C. D. Lester, general chairman, who compiled the report, stated that the sewing rooms will remain closed through May. All volunteers of that department are urged to transfer their activities to

the surgical dressing unit and to knit garments in their homes as the knitting quota has been increased and the surgical dressing quota is exceptionally large.

The chairman have expressed sincere appreciation for the splendid cooperation of volunteers during the past year. The combined efforts of all workers will be required to complete the large quotas now on hand.

Mrs. Edwin Hankins Is Hostess to Cosmopolitan Club Members
On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Edwin Hankins, Jr. was hostess to members of the Cosmopolitan club at her home on 13th street. For the occasion the entertaining rooms were decorated with numerous arrangements of spring blossoms.

After a brief business session a current event on "Raymond's Store in Boston" from the "Readers' Digest" was given by Mrs. George Newbern, Jr.

Mrs. Kelly Bryant reviewed the book, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" by Cornelia Otis Skinner.

Following the program the hostess served a delicious desert course to 12 members.

Fifty Members Hear Baptist Bible Study
The monthly Bible Study for members of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church was conducted at the church Monday afternoon.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Henry Haynes presided at the business session, which was followed by the Bible study on Noah.

Fifty members responded to the roll call.

Al Fresco Party Is Enjoyed by Church Group

Members of the True, Trusted, and Tried class of the First Baptist Sunday School enjoyed an al fresco party at Fair Park Monday evening under the supervision of Mrs. O. A. Williams, Mrs. Hugh Jones, and Miss Tompkins Tolland.

Following are the members who attended: Jesse Clarice Brown, Bobby Jean Bright, Lenora Ann Caldwell, Aletha Mae Crosby, Ethel Roach, Dorris Urey, Gwendolyn Williams, Betty Jones, Kitty Tolleson, Carolyn Sue Sutton, Louise Porter, Mary Lou Ames, Helen Marie Franklin, Joyce Damon, Mary Lanita Sutton, Vern Baker and the following guests, Clara Osborn, Patsy Caldwell, and Carolyn Joe Gehling.

Coming and Going
Miss Martha White of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene White, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Green have returned from Texarkana, where they were guests of Mrs. Green's sister, Mrs. J. D. Ellis, and brother, J. O. Clark.

M. and Mrs. S. G. Norton were in Crossett Sunday for the baptism of their grandson, Allen W. Bird, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bird of Crossett. Also attending were Master Bird's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bird of Monticello.

E. S. Greening and Eugene

White departed today for Houston. Lt. Vaughn R. Woodard of Randolph Field, Texas has arrived in the city for a brief visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Green and son, Billy, of Shreveport were recent guests of relatives and friends here.

Pvt. Raymond Aslin of Greenville, Pa. is visiting his mother, Mrs. Luther Aslin, and brother, Rayburn Aslin.

Communiques

Pfc. Horace C. Cox, who has been in the U. S. Army Air Forces since October 27, 1942, recently completed a course in radio operator-mechanics at the Army Air Forces Technical School, Sioux Falls, S. D. He is the son of C. M. Cox of Hope R. 4 and is a graduate of Gurnsey high school.

Pvt. Louie H. Shelton, son of Mrs. Nancy J. Lee of Hope R. 1, received the rating of "expert" in rifle marksmanship during his basic training at the Branch Immaterial Replacement Center, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, it was learned here today. Prior to his induction Pvt. Shelton was an aircraft worker in San Diego, Calif.

After receiving his aerial gunner wings at Las Vegas, Nevada, Thomas S. McKee has begun an intensive course of study in aviation mechanics at the Amarillo, Texas, Army Air Forces Technical School.

Frank I. Shiver, son of Mrs. J. C. Shiver, 423 West Division, has completed his course of study as an aviation mechanic in the Army Air Forces Technical school at Amarillo, Texas and will be sent to an army air base.

Sports Mirror
By The Associated Press

Today A Year Ago — Five New York race tracks voted to donate \$100,000 profits each to war effort.

Three Years Ago — Don Budge defeated Bruce Barnes, 6-4, 8-3, 6-3, for National Open Tennis Title at White Sulphur Springs.

Five Years Ago — Lefty Grove, Boston Red Sox hurler, defeated New York Yankees, 6-1, with champs retired on triple play in ninth.

Today in Congress
By The Associated Press

Senate and House in recess.

Truman committee hears Secretary Ickes on rubber-aviation gasoline controversy.

Banking committee begins hearings on silver bills.

Serial Story

DARK JUNGLES
BY JOHN C. FLEMING & LOIS EBY

ALLISON'S PLANS
CHAPTER XXI

BUSY days stretched ahead for everyone at the estancia. From every direction in the jungle chieftains brought their canvas bags of fresh latex to the clearing.

Steam rose all day and far into the evening from the huge copper kettles.

Renaldo was in half a dozen places at once, seeing that the fires were kept banked, the latex poured into the cooking vats, and, when boiled to a thick mass, poured into the cooling molds.

There was the weighing to be done, the paying off of each chieftain, the mules and men to be fed and bedded, and constant protection of the chieftain from the drenching rains.

Barry had taken over the task of stamping each brick of cooling chicle with the trademark of the plantation. It was a small but important routine which Renaldo did not like to leave to natives and it eased Barry's impatience somewhat. Each of Renaldo's tasks accomplished brought the next visit to Moncha Suma nearer.

Allison was almost as busy as Renaldo. Like him she began to get up at dawn in order to do her heaviest work before the intense noonday heat set in. The fame of her zooft caps had spread like wild fire among the horde of chieftains, and she was besieged with calls for more.

She had stitched the first caps painstakingly by hand. But with the sudden demand, this method would not suffice. She came hurrying across the clearing one suffocatingly hot morning to the veranda where Lila and Barry were having breakfast. Barry leaped up to pull a chair for her.

"Take it easy, zooft queen," he begged. "You'll melt on one of those rushing trips of yours and someone will scoop you up for latex."

ALLISON laughed gaily, pushing back an unruly sunburned lock of hair off her tanned face with the back of her hand.

"The precious joke of it all is," she confided, "that my zooft caps aren't invulnerable and the Indians know it. But it's got about through the tribe that I'm lucky for them. And anything I give them is a lucky piece. So I'm stuck with about 40 more zooft caps to make."

Lila took a sip of her iced coffee. "You have complicated your life," she said serenely.

Chicks Finally Win Game From the Travelers

By REX THOMAS

Atlanta, April 28 —(P)— Yes, sir, brother, it was a day for Memphis baseball fans to remember.

Doc Prothro's lowly Chicks got up off the floor to win their first victory of the season in the Southern Association yesterday after losing three in a row. They downed Little Rock 5 to 3 behind the six-hit pitching of Southpaw Jimmie McClure.

The rip-snorting Atlanta Crackers unleashed a terrific batting barrage against Nashville and crushed the Vols 15 to 4.

And, not to be outdone, the Chattanooga Lookouts ran wild against the Knoxville Smokies, amassing 18 hits to score a 19 to 8 victory.

That, chum, is what happened yesterday in the southern. And, of course, there were the Birmingham Barons, but their 4-2 triumph over the New Orleans Pelicans could hardly be classed as eventful.

Nashville used four pitchers in a futile effort to stem the Atlanta assault of 17 safeties.

Credit for the win went to Lefty Cozart, making his first start of the year for Atlanta.

One of the mainstays of Chattanooga's hitting attack against Knoxville was J. D. Langley, who got three safeties in five trips to bat and drove in three runs.

Memphis nicked Ed Lopat of Little Rock for 14 bingles. Chick Hurler McClure had things his own way after a jittery first inning and until the ninth, when the Travelers got an unearned run.

Birmingham wound up its opening series with New Orleans with Rookie Buddy Lively's second win over the Pelicans.

The Pels strengthened their forces for the home opener Thursday night against Little Rock with the acquisition of Outfielder Edward (Red) Lavigne and Pitcher Pete Modica from Rochester of the International League.

Blevins PTA to Hold Regular Session
The regular monthly meeting of the Blevins Parent-Teacher Association will be held Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

An interesting program has been arranged for this last meeting during the school term. There will be a report on the state meeting at Little Rock by those attending from Blevins. Next year's officers will be installed.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, April 28 —(P)— Another angle on the eyeing subject of the dead baseball. . . During the spring exhibition season, when the clubs still were using 1942 left-over major league teams playing runs and 15.54 hits a game (for both teams). . . Since the advent of the season and the Balata Ball, the average (up to yesterday's games) was 6.08 runs and 14.33 hits. . . high score for one team in an exhibition was 13 runs, for the regular season so far, 12 runs. . . Draw your own conclusions. . . Ours is that there's not much wrong with the "Baloney" ball that a Ty Cobb or Willie Keeler couldn't cure.

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a trophy at Pimlico's Johnny Waters' day, she said it was a "thirty-year-old habit in her family." . . Mrs. Waters' father, Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, W. J. Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., won several trophies as a rider in Pimlico steeplechases. . . "I remember those plates very well," I was a good little girl my father she commented, "because when I was a good little girl my father used to let me eat ice cream off them."

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Lot of Lustre Among Rookies in Major Play

By JUDSON BAILEY
Associated Press Sports Writer

Baseball is having plenty of woes — the dead ball, poor attendance and the constant drain of the draft — but if you will wipe away this wartime tarnish for a few minutes you will discover a lot of lustre among the unsung rookies of the major leagues.

The early days of the season have been occupied chiefly with a discussion of the game's disappointment and a glance at the proceedings yesterday will easily explain why this has left the performance of the newcomers obscured. They don't come under the heading of disappointments.

Tuesday's tightest struggle was a 16-inning marathon which the Philadelphia Athletics finally won from the Washington Senators 2-1 after both teams had gone scoreless for 15 frames. The star was Jesse Sandoval Flores, a stocky, 26-year-old native of Mexico who came up to the A's this spring from Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast league.

In his first start last Thursday he held the Boston Red Sox to two hits but was beaten 1-0 by Tex Hughson, who pitched a three-hitter in rebuttal. Yesterday Flores was matched with early Wynn in a pitching duel that was a classic, even if you discount the Balata ball.

Wynn was removed for a pinch-hitter in the 13th, but Flores continued till two were out in the 16th, when he finally had to have help from Roger Wolff. However, the A's had clipped Ray Scarborough for two runs in the meantime for a winning margin.

In the National League at New York it was young Sid Gordon who highlighted the Giants 11 to 3 conquest of the Boston Braves by walloping a three-run homer in the fifth inning to place the issue beyond doubt. Joe Burns, who was in semi-pro ball last year, hit a home run for the Braves.

The victory lifted the Giants out of the National League cellar and after the game they got another boost by obtaining Catcher Ernie Lombardi, the batting champion, from the Braves for Catcher Ray Poland and Infielder Connie Ryan.

Rookies brought the Pittsburgh Pirates a 4-1 triumph over the Cincinnati Reds, too. With the score tied 1-1 in the eighth inning, two freshman pinchhitters, John Wyrostek and Tommy O'Brien delivered a pair of singles that brought home three runs.

Seasoned performers dominated the other games, although Otto Denning, who is new at first base even if not new to the American League, was the king pin in Cleveland's 4-2 conquest of the Chicago White Sox. He hit two doubles, drove in the two deciding runs and starred defensively with an unassisted double play, 18 putouts and one assist.

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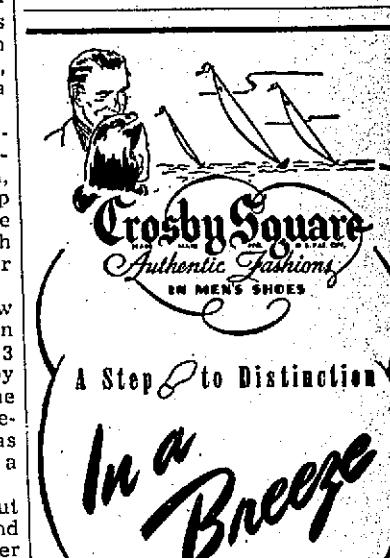
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New York — Lulu Constantino, 131, New York, outpointed Mario (Chico) Morales, 123, Havana, Cuba, (8).
Portland, Me. — Lefty Lachance, 128, Lisbon, Me., outpointed Jose Aponte Torres, 120, Puerto Rico, (10).
New Bedford, Mass. — Andy Holland, 160, New York, outpointed Ted Lowry, 176, John Bedford (10).
Jersey City — Buddy Farrell, 152, Newark, technical knock-out over Van (Boob) McNutt, 156, Baltimore, (7).
Hartford, Conn. — Ruby Garcia, 132 1-2, Puerto Rico, and Al Guidio, 133 1-2, New York, Drew, (8).

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Relief for a Starved Europe Will Be Great Undertaking

By John Colburn
London, April 22 (AP)—Feeding, healing and clothing millions of Europeans in the wake of an Allied invasion will be the greatest well-undertaking in world history. Sixty to 75 percent of Europe's pre-war population of 400,000,000 will require some form of relief—food, medical treatment or clothing—it is estimated by those who are arranging to meet the demand.

To get a mental picture imagine some 250,000,000 persons lined up one behind the other twice around the earth. That's just part of the relief line that must be served by the United Nations after Axis bastions are conquered.

Uncounted other millions will have to be cared for in western Russia. In the middle-east, an Anglo-American organization must continue an annual supply of 1,000,000 tons of some 140,000,000 persons until normal commerce is resumed.

Herbert H. Lehman, director of the United States Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, has asserted that "chaos and anarchy" would result unless the starving people are fed. His assistant, Hugh H. Jackson recently described the relief job as the most gigantic humanitarian task that has ever faced this world.

Lehman's office and an Allied post-war requirements bureau in London have been working together on emergency relief problems. All members of the United Nations are represented on bureau committees except Russia.

Three post-invasion relief periods are envisioned here by the bureau group headed by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross:

(1) Period of war operations when regions will be under military control.

(2) A 18 months period of emergency relief and restoration of transport.

(3) Permanent reconstruction.

Multitudinous intangible factors make it difficult to blueprint relief plans. One major point is whether there will be a general, quick reconquering of Europe or whether it will be a long, piece-meal process.

A piecemeal reconquest would ease the knotty problems of transport and distribution of relief supplies. Population movement could be controlled better and relief administration organized more efficiently in small areas. But the planners do not underestimate the German. Their calculations take into consideration the possibility that the Nazis might make a daring counterthrust at the British Isles, which would complicate transport.

Precise details for European relief administration—amounts of food which will go to each person—are a closely guarded secret. Following is the general plan in its present stage:

Military force will handle immediate distribution of food and medical supplies, following the North African invasion pattern. Civilian relief experts will take over when conquered areas are reopened.

Supervision will continue until local governments are reconstituted and can assume the burden.

Most supplies will come from the United States, the British commonwealth and South America. Who will pay is an unanswered question. The flow of food to Europe undoubtedly will mean tighter food rationing in the United States and Great Britain, and available supplies will have to be spread "thin" around the world.

Relief supplies must be ready to follow the armies whether they strike from the Baltic, across the English Channel, in western France or in the Mediterranean, at a time when Allied shipping will be desperately engaged.

Eight hundred ships were required to transport fewer than 500,000 men and supplies for the North African invasion. In a European invasion, the Allies must be supplied to meet a force of 2,000,000 men.

Bare "iron rations" and the most

essential medical vaccines, serum and bandage will put a tremendous load on shipping facilities. An idea of shipping space needed can be gained from estimates of the Fighting French that they will require 90,000 tons of foodstuffs the first month just to feed 12,000,000 children under 18.

Once in Europe, troops as well as relief workers will encounter the menace of disease which have swept the continent, especially the larger cities. Outbreaks resulted from inadequate food, lack of soap for bathing, crowded living quarters of families forced by bombing to share their homes; unheated barracks quartering "slave labor" and lice-ridden concentration camps.

While refugees, liberated concentration camp occupants and workers in Germany's farm and factory battalions will be easier to return to their homes, relief observers here expressed belief that a temporary "freezing of population" would be necessary to effectively handle emergency relief activities. This would involve 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 persons.

Timing of a United Nations offensive will determine whether the Allies will be able to take advantage of food resources in Europe. An attack coming with the late-summer harvest season might, in the opinion of some observers, give the invaders the crop before they were confronted by Germany.

If the Allies could utilize a substantial portion of the harvest it would ease for at least three months the problem of shipping foodstuffs to Europe.

In addition to distribution plans, agriculture also has top-billing on the list of post-invasion rehabilitation project.

Although people are starving by the thousands in occupied countries, German-regimented farms produced in 1942 only slightly less than in peacetime. However, when invading armies strike, agriculture will suffer and further complicate the already critical problem.

Information here is that food production in 1942 was down ten to fifteen percent from prewar levels, when European countries generally were crop exporters.

Nevertheless, in Belgium, Greece and Poland starvation has been acute and residents of other occupied countries as well as Germany are badly undernourished.

Where are the foodstuffs going? Aside from military demands, industry takes a great deal.

Milk goes into plastics for airplanes; potatoes, apples and grain into alcohol and synthetic rubber; and fats into lubricants and explosives for bombs. So pressing was the German need for grain for alcohol that production of beer was stopped.

To get agriculture back on its feet as fast as possible, training course in mechanized agriculture have been conducted in Great Britain for Allied refugees. They will return home as instructors. Post-invasion plans call for utilizing disabled tanks and other motorized armored equipment for plowing pulling farm implements as soon as the fields are cleared of clashing armies.

Livestock also presents a serious problem.

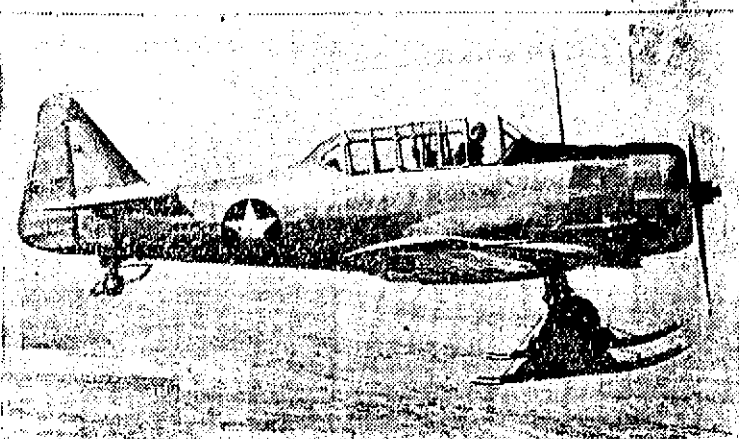
Reductions of 11 million cattle, 12 million pigs and 11 million sheep resulted in approximately 20 percent less milk production and cut the meat supply nearly one quarter. It was estimated that it would take five to six years to restore livestock to its pre-war level. Scientists plan to meet this situation by imports of live animals and artificial insemination.

Lightning Punctuates A Sermon

Liberty Hall, S. C. (AP)—Just when the preacher began his sermon in the Methodist Church here, a lightning bolt struck in the rear of the pulpit and knocked him down. He was not able to talk for some time. His song leader was also floored.

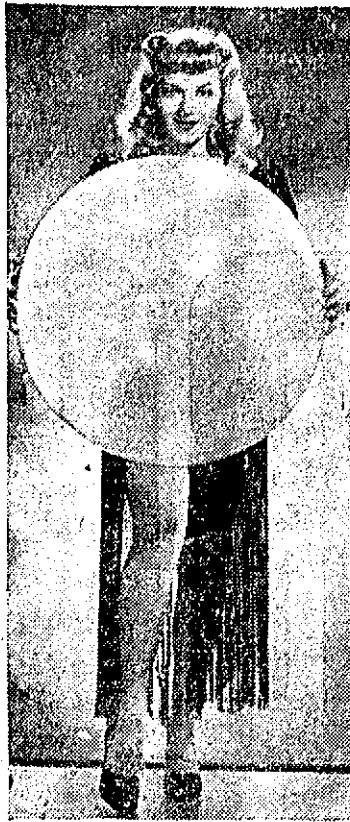
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Swoose With Skeels



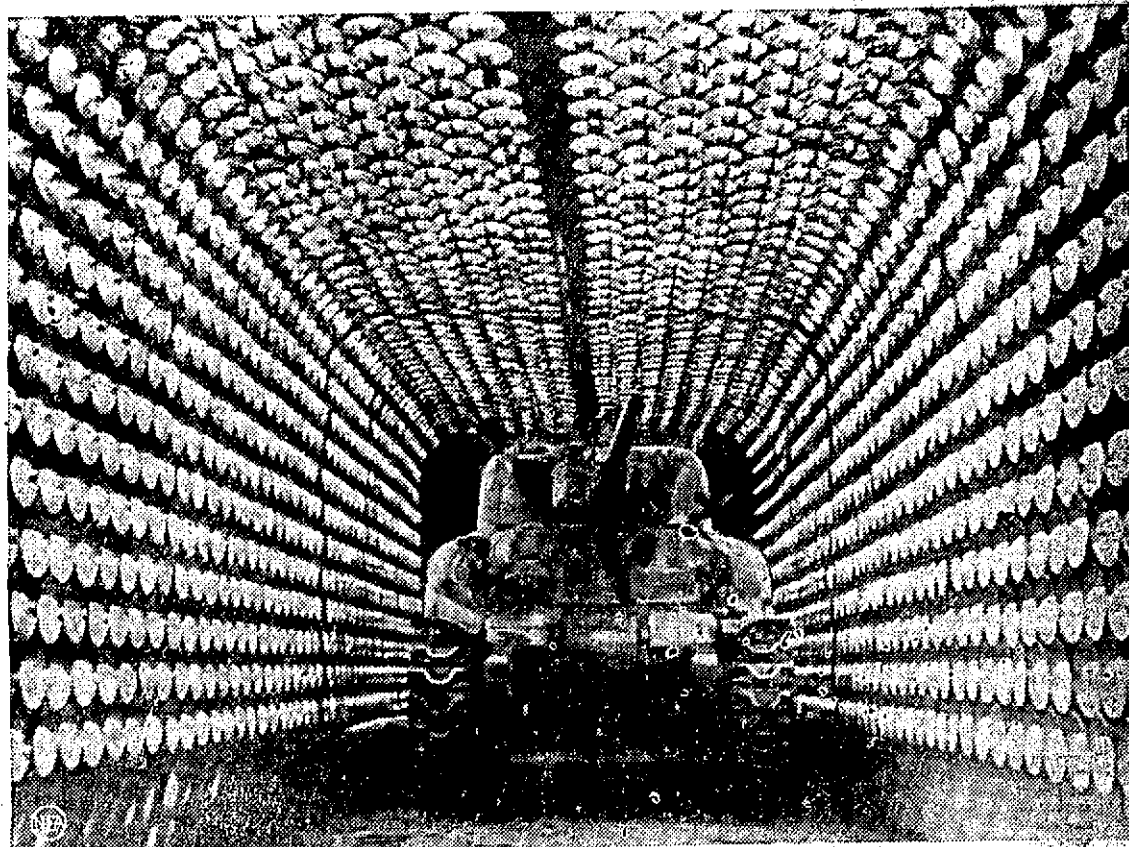
Landings on either wheels or skis is the technique of the "swoose" developed by North American, at Dallas. Skis retract to allow wheel landings.

Last Bubble



Hollywood's last balloon—no more due to rubber shortage—is used by Martha O'Driscoll in bubble dance for a new film.

Glittering Tank



For a quick dry on its protective coat of paint, this tank is in a tunnel of infra-red lights. The rays dry the tank in four minutes, while ordinary method would take a day.

Sweet Swimmer



Cinema Cowgirl



Film star Esther Williams, former swim champ, models new swim suit of cotton, made stretchable by double-lock stitch and inner lining.

Teddi Sherman, movie newcomer, goes for western garb, and appropriately so, for her father is Harry Sherman, veteran Hollywood western films producer.

Half-Shot Croc on Guadalcanal



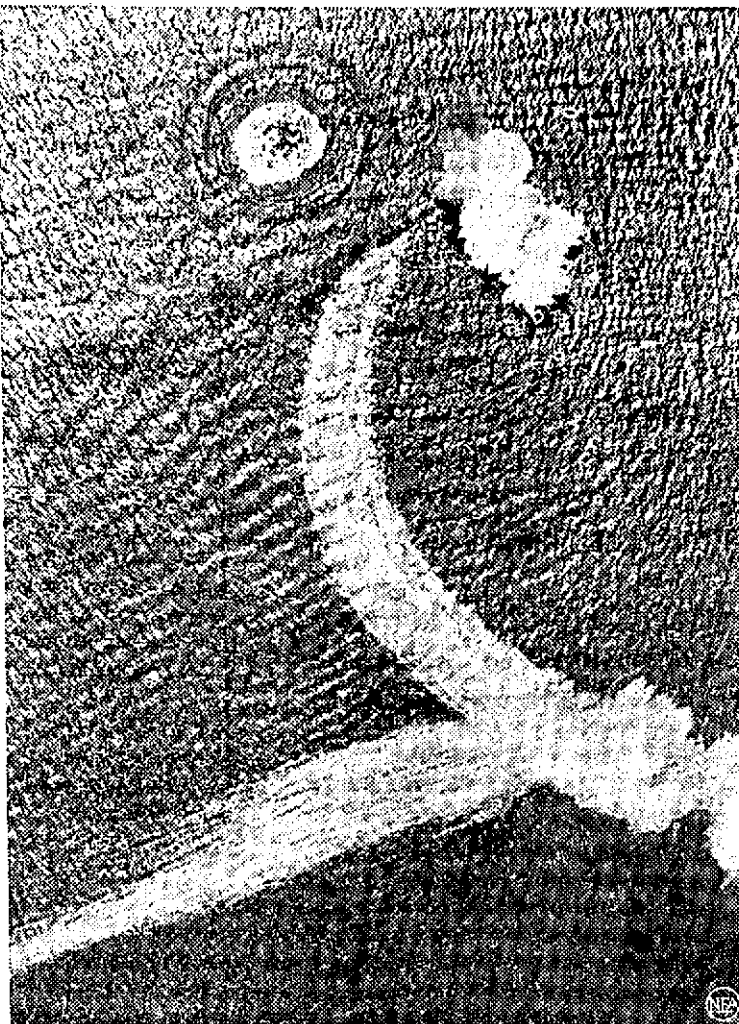
With dynamite as bait, no wonder these Guadalcanal soldiers bring home a crocodile as their catch. The boys explode the dynamite in the water to stun the fish and occasionally wind up with bigger results than they anticipated.

Venice Bounce



What does a war worker do on her day off? Well, Shelly Mitchell romps in the surf at Venice, Calif., bounces a ball on her head, and makes pretty pictures for the newspapers to run.

Victory in the Bismarck Sea



(U. S. Army Air Forces Photo From NEA) In the glistening waters of the Bismarck Sea this Victory sign appeared as wake of a dodging Jap destroyer merged with oil slick (lower left) to form a V. Note bomb bursts at top of photo.

American Rifleman in Tunisia



Among the palms and sand dunes of Tunisia, an American soldier draws a bead on his target with his Garand rifle

Marigolds Will Thrive in Victory Garden Rows

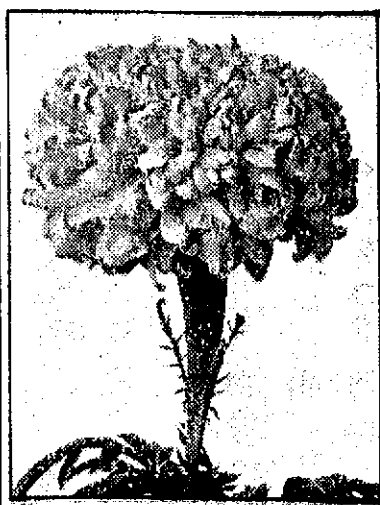
Among the quick-growing annuals which can be sown in Victory gardens at the same time with vegetable crops and given the same treatment as to soil and cultivation, are the modern marigolds.

This is an American flower, not the Mary-gold of Shakespeare, which was the calendula, still called the "pot marigold." Spanish soldiers who followed Columbus to the new world took seeds of the flower we now call marigold home to Europe where they probably became confused with the calendulas and acquired the same name.

For centuries the marigolds of gardens were divided into the French, chiefly a small flowered, rather dwarf type, and the African, chiefly tall growing and large flowered. Neither originated in France or Africa in spite of the names.

Plant breeders in recent years have worked marvels in developing new types, both large and small flowered. They have even crossed the French and African types, and produced hybrids which make seeds, a feat which it was long thought would never be accomplished. They have also bred varieties from which the characteristic marigold odor, which is unpleasant to some, has been eliminated.

Marigold seeds are rather large and soft. While the plants are quite hardy the seeds are apt to rot in cold, damp soil, so they should be sown about the same time that beans are put in. The tall, large flowered varieties should be given plenty of room to grow as many will reach four feet in height and spread over an area three feet square. Sow them in rows, just as vegetables are sown, or plant

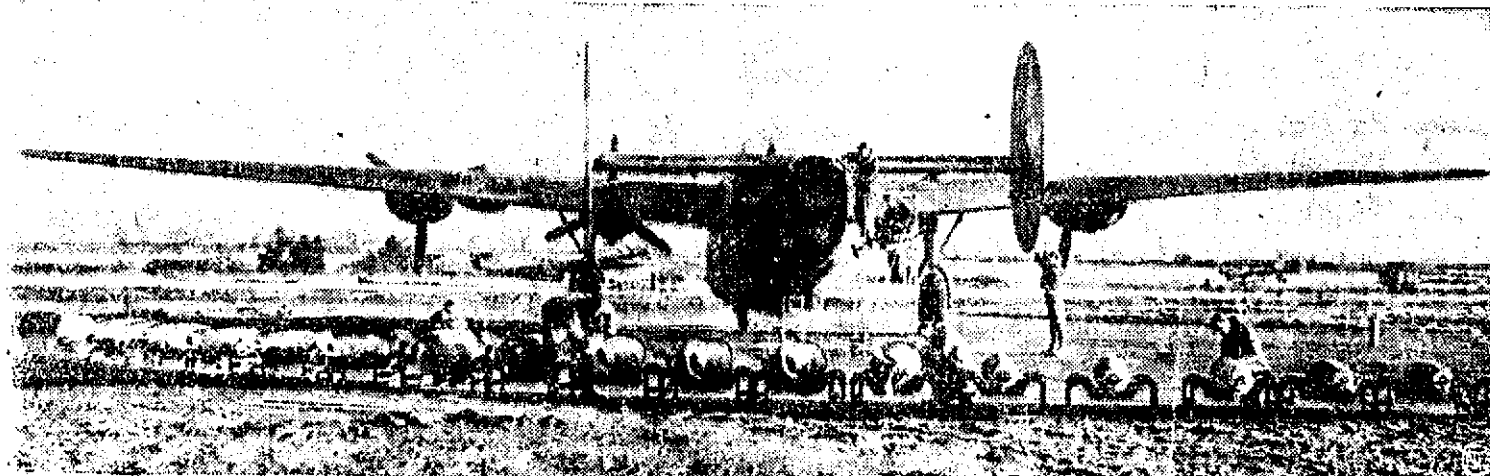


Marigold Goldsmith of Chrysanthemum Type

them in a flower border surrounding the garden. They will not only decorate the garden, but will produce abundant cut flowers for use in the living room and on the dining table.

The tall, large flowered African marigolds formerly produced flowers of great regularity, which have been compared to a rubber sponge in form. But now they can be had with blossoms like carnations, chrysanthemums, or of charming and decorative new shapes, unlike any other flowers. In color they range from a maroon and scarlet, through various tones of orange to the brightest of yellows. There are many excellent dwarf varieties of compact habit which can be planted as a border to garden paths.

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